



The twelfth question of Fatwa no. ( 5276 )

**Q 12: It is said that the Imam should not be preceded in Ruku` (Bowing), Sujud (Prostration) or departure. If departure here means leaving the Masjid (Mosque), what should we do if the Imam stays in the Masjid (after Prayer) for a long time?**

**A:** Departure as mentioned here means pronouncing Taslim (salutation of peace ending the Prayer) not leaving the Masjid, for it is impermissible for a Ma'mum (person led in prayer) to pronounce Taslim before

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the Imam, not even with him. Yet, this should be done after he finishes the Salah (prayer). Whereas it is permissible for a person to leave the Masjid before the Imam.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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